REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the careful examination of the application, and for the suggestions for amending the application. In view of the foregoing amendments and the amendments and remarks filed on December 23, 2004, the Examiner is respectfully urged to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Examiner is respectfully urged to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections. In the event that there any questions concerning this amendment or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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